

**ERGONOMIC HAND TOOL****Abstract**

An ergonomic hand tool for enhancing the leverage  
5 available to a user includes a frame having a distal portion  
and a proximal portion, and a working element operably  
coupled to a distal end of the distal portion. The frame  
further includes a handle that is pivotally coupled to the  
frame at a portion thereof intermediate the proximal portion  
10 and the distal portion. A brace structure is preferably  
operably coupled to the proximal portion of the frame, with  
the brace structure being configured to operably brace  
against an upper side of a user's forearm while the user  
operably grasps the handle.